



PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

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Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MOLD
THEREFOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, to and including August 7, 2004. Inasmuch as August 7, 2004, fell on a Saturday, the filing of this document on Monday, August 9, 2004, is considered timely. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

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